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## Dear Cooperating and Participating Agencies:

The BLM published the Ambler Road Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the BLM ePlanning web site August 23, 2019. It is posted for public and agency review and may be viewed online or downloaded. Go to <a href="https://www.blm.gov/AmblerRoadEIS">www.blm.gov/AmblerRoadEIS</a> (you may click the ePlanning link).

## The BLM is accepting comments through October 15, 2019.

We would like to invite you to an agency meeting about the Draft EIS. This is an opportunity to learn more about the project and the EIS. The meeting will include a presentation and chances to ask questions. EIS preparers will be on hand to help agencies determine where in the EIS and appendices topics of interest are addressed. Meeting details:

## Ambler Road Draft EIS Agency Meeting

Monday, Sept. 23, 2019, 10:00 a.m. to noon

BLM Fairbanks District Office, Kobuk Room

222 University Ave., Fairbanks 99709

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(Note: public hearing in Fairbanks the same evening)

Several agencies provided comments on the preliminary draft EIS. We appreciate the effort and have a better EIS as a result. All agency comments on the preliminary draft, and responses to those comments, have been compiled into a comment/response matrix, attached.

In addition to the agency meeting, we encourage agency representatives to attend one or more of the public hearings to learn more about the project and hear the public's comments. We have scheduled 21 hearing sessions, the meetings are on the BLM Ambler Road eplanning website. <u>Ambler DEIS meetings schedule</u>

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me: tmcmastergoering@blm.gov; (907) 271-1310.

Sincerely,

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